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In a *Dialogue* between an

Old Monkey

AND A

Young Weazel

At the *Three Cranes Tavern* in the *Poultry*, where they are daily to be seen.

AS ALSO

Some Remarks upon the *Amsterdam* and *London* ÆSOP's.

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Amſterdam, *Tunbridge*, *Bath*, *White-Hall*,
ſpeaking thro' the feigned Mouths of *Aſſes* W
Foxes, *Dogs*, *Owls*, &c. And laſt of all dead D
ons and *Graſhoppers*, hath ſo animated an Old *Monkey*
a Young *Weazel*, at the *Three-Crain Tavern* in the
try, that they are reſolved to ſpeak as well as the
and thereupon laſt *Saturday* began a ſerious Confere
which is not yet ended, where any Perſon who has
curioſity, may there be further ſatisfied by occular
monſtration. However, what has hitherto paſſed
tween them, I have here inſerted, which for diver
ſake, I hope will be accepted.

MONKEY.

How now little Animal; why ſo bold to enter
Cabbin without asking my leave?

WEAZEL.

*Moſt Reverend Sir, I have been lately ſurprized in a T
therefore pray pardon my Silence, for oftentimes Traps ar
for Words, as well as* Wolves *and* Weazles.

MONKEY.

'Tis very true; But that's not the Anſwer to my Qu
on: I ask you once more, why you came here, and
what cauſe? for it is not ordinary for a *Weazel* a
Monkey to be Aſſociates, eſpecially in a Tavern.

We

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WEAZEL.

Sir, with submission to your grave Worship, I am sent up-
an Extraordinary Message, no less than in the Quality of
Ambassador from that High and Mighty Strte-Animal Menheer
Grashopper, *on the* Royal Exchange *in* Cornhill.

MONKEY.

Oh, high Preferment indeed! But Cousin, you mi-
ke the Person and Place too, your business, I suppose,
with the *Dragon* on *Bow-Steeple*, for you Master and he
ve had a great Controversie of late; but I fear thou art
humble a Creature to approach his Prefence, he's
ud and lofty.

WAEZEL.

I know his Disposition well enough; however my business
present is not with him, but to acquaint thee that there is a
ty of Peace on foot between them, therefore I leave thee
approach his presence; for my part, I have not the am-
on so much as to think of it.

MONKEY

Hey, hey, what is it come to that, to make choice
Monkey for Mediator; Sure the *Bear that beat the*
um, might have been thought more worthy of that
nour, for he speaks their Language better than I can.

WEAZEL.

'Tis true, Monsieur Dragon *gave that Creature a favour-*
Character at their last Conference, but Menheer Grashop-
rejected him as a Counterfeiter, and not as a true Imitator of
r Speech and Actions, and made choice of thee, a wise, so-
Creature, every way qualified for such a mighty un-dertaking.

MONKEY.

So, so, Cousion, I find the Old Proverb true with a
tness, *viz*, Like Master, like Man. I see thou hast learn
their

their Art of Flattery to a Hairs-breadth; but no wond
when *Grashoppers* are advanced, if *Weazels* Chatter
Authority. However, to be plain with thee, I do
care to meddle with two such lofty Figures, for they
both Damnable brazen-fac'd, and will stand to notin
long, let their Promises be never so fair, they being
Nature unsteady and mutable; and indeed 'tis in vain
expect any other from two Weather-Cocks, who are
est to be turn'd by every shuft of Wind.

WEAZEL.

Most grave Sir, pray be not Angry with me, for
charging my Office; tho' they be mutable, let us be fix'd; If t
are lofty, we are lowly; If they are proud, let us be humb
If they quarrel, let us agree; If they contend we'll conform;
them hate, we'll love one another; If they be Hypocrites, we'l
Honest; Therefore by my Consent, let's (now we are thus luck
met) divers our selves only with some private (th' innocen
discourse, laugh at their Folly, and leave them to themselve

MONKEY.

With all my Heart; but before we proceed, tell
your Opinion, (for I know you are Cunning enou
what People will say, if it should be known that the *M*
key and *Weazel* have been Discoursing together, beca
'twill not be believed that beast have the Gift of Speaki

WEAZEL.

Why, if it comes to that, I'll speak through the Lang
of Balaam's Ass, in the very Face of them: Nay and more
that; if some should be so Atheistically obstinate, and account
Fictious and too far-fetch'd, I'll come nearer home, and
them several Speaking Asses under their own Roofs; tho' per
far short of Balaam's Ass for understanding; for she never
but when she had occasion, but those do it when they have n
therefore why not thee and I for our Diversion?

MONKEY.

Hah, hah, ha! thou art a Creature of a very plea

nverſation; thou haſt now hit the Nail on the Head.... ſince I have avoided that troubleſome Taſk of being diator between thoſe who are never like to agree, let eave off this *Aſs-like* talk, and return again to them *at* thinkeſt thou of this high advanced ſpungy Animal Inſect, the *Graſhopper*?

WEAZEL.

ou or I may think of him what we will; I am ſure the People gone after him, and he now plainly tell you in what Cor- the Wind ſtands.

MONKEY.

How? the People gone after him! I hope not ſo far, t they may find the way back again, notwithſtanding ifts, Fogs, and *Bad Weather*, which have lately hap- ned; and as for his Directing where the winds ſits, *ox-Steeple Dragon* will perform that, if not better; r in my Opinion it goes much Truer, tho' not ſo well as ſhould do.

WEAZEL.

No wonder if they Err in their true Courſe, when they conti- ually Jar one againſt another; for tho' they are turn'd both with e Wind, yet one Wind doth not always turn them. I remember other Day at their Diſpute, the Graſhopper *boaſtingly told e* Dragon *to his Face, that ſhe and her Sons had Out-witted im, by leaping over his Stumbling-blocks, meaning Oaths, acraments, &c. or indeed any thing elſe that lies in their way Greatneſs.*

MONKEY.

Well, and 'tis not yet forgotten ſince they both took Hands, (but now farther aſſunder) and leap'd over a Dreadful Stumbling-block by one Conſent, though I be- ieve one of them (but I won't ſay which) Repents the Bargain. I ſuppoſe you underſtand my meaning.

Weazel.

WEAZEL.

Yaw, Menheer Monkey; *but Divines tell us that late Repentance is very Dangerous, especially when the Sinner's case desperate and deplorable: But I have no skill in Divinity therefore leave your Worship to make the Application*

MONKEY.

All that I shall say to it, is, that tho' late Repentance not commendable, nor to be trusted too, yet it is bet than never, tho' many times Dispair proves a great O stacle to it, and sometimes ruins it: But what is it thee and I, let them look to that.

WEAZEL.

Nay, for my part, it shan't trouble me, nor I believe will some of them much; However, out of Compassionate Charity, I but pity their wilful Rashness, (I was going to say Ignorance but considering that some (nay many) of them are so plen fully endowed with the Gifts of Natural as well acquir'd Qua fications, they may justly be acquitted from all manner of Suspic of being guilty of the latter, tho' not altogether from the former

MONKEY.

Why, prethee no Body accuseth them either of t one or the other, unless it be their own Conscience, an perhaps many of them are Pistol-proof against that too for having assumed the Nature of weather-Cocks, a Storm can but turn them, and a Calm finds them as the last wind left 'em; therefore here's (seeming) Safety enough, or would think, notwithstanding the many *Scare-Crow* which often hover over (nay, and sometimes light upon their Heads, to theirs as well as others Amazement.

WEAZEL.

Pray Mr. Monkey, *let us leave these Weather-Cock Stori and Discourse a little of the Times: Pray what News is w on foot?*

MONKEY.

Truly none at all, as I heare of, for the Discourse turn'd into *Fables* and *Fictions*; all the Talk is, that O

Æsop that *Fablemonger*, was lately seized at *Tunbridge*, his dget rifled, and all his Papers exposed; among which ere found (as some say) both Truth and Treason, but so nningly Interwoven, as they could scarcely be discerned om one another. However, the Old Blade was so Criti- l upon his Examination, that he was judged Lunatick, d so committed to *Bedlam* (not *Newgate*) since which, ree more *Æsop*'s have started up from *Bath*, *White-hall*, d *Amsterdam*, who all speak through the *Ass*, *Lyon*, *Dog*, *Wolf*, *Fox*, *Grashopper*, *Ant*, *Owl*, *Bat*, &c. forcing these armless and senseless Beasts and Animals speak those ruths which themselves dare not own. This is all the ews which I hear.

WEAZEL.

But among all these Brutes, I hear neither of the Monkey Weazel *so much as mentioned; therefore to put a stop to the rther Rise of any of these perilous bold Fellows, we'll speak for r selves, otherwise they'l have a fling at us, by laying Magical harms upon us, to speak Treason when we think none, which ll bring us into Scandal, and down-right Contempt.*

MONKEY.

Ay, but we'll keep out of their reach, for while they se their Slanderous Tongues, we'll use our Wits to a- oid them. However by the by, I'll tell thee a Secret which ne of these *Æsop*'s discovered t'other Day to a Friend of ine, that a —— of the *Grashoppers* Gang, was to have his eeth drawn very shortly, which if true, (which I don't uch doubt of) the poor straggling half starv'd Sheep will ettle again, and feed upon their Old Common without ear; for tho' he may still hunt them, he can't hurt them; nd indeed he may Bark, but not Bite 'em.

WEAZEL.

This is brave News indeed; but some Æsop's say that another ill come in his Room, who has Teeth as big as the former, hich if so, he may bite too, if he pleases.

Monkey

MONKEY.

Ay, but he's quite of another Nature, (as I am infor being Mild, Wise, Peaceable, Prudent and Charit besides, he's a great Friend to the *Dragon*, therefore co quently of different temper from any of the *Grashop* Society.

WEAZEL.

I am glad to hear of it with all my Heart, for it is not unreasonable, but quite opposite to the order of Nature for Grash pers *to insult over* Dragons. *Well, Reverend Mr.* Mon *since such pleasant and desirable News as this has reach' Ears, (if it seems agreeable to your Gravity) now we are Tavern, we'll shake off our Beastly Nature, and rejoyce ou Glass of Sack, like human Creatures; for we are Branch the Creation as well as they.*

MONKEY.

Why, truly tho' I am not naturally given to Excess, I was never so precisely Nice, as to deny any Inno Diversion, especially on such a happy occasion as thi But methinks, to compleat our Joy, a Loyal Drin Song, commonly call'd a *Health*, would be very seasona but I'll leave you to that, for my Voice is very unple

WEAZEL.

Indeed, Sir, I can't boast neither, of making any Harm Sound, yet rather than we'll lose this favourable Opport I'll do the best I can for a Conclusion.

Here's a Health to those Boys
That are Loyal t'th' King,
To the Dragon *advancing,*
Whose Praise's we'll Sing:
He our Church now revives,
Drink about by Consent,
We shall Lead happy Lives
Can we be but Content.

Then the Glass to the B
Fill it up with all haste,
And in Sack let us swim
For the time it will wast.
And while Grashopper *Z*
Do with Envy repine,
We will Chear up our H
With the Juice of the V

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